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Respectfully submitted,


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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION NO YES
	2000-207988	7/28/2000	Japan (w/Abstract)			X
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